1	2	3
Assam	35.52	10.58
Tripura	10.49	24.96
Manipur	8.83	57.18
Meghalaya	3.33	15.44
Nagaland	0.71	4.69
Arunachal Pradesh	0.47	2.02
Sikkim	1.58	12.65
Mizoram	*0.81*	*11.84*
TEA BOARD (North East)	56.30	Not Available
North East Zone	118.04	25.27
ALL INDIA	12728.94	72.17

Cooperative dairying in India

682. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a report on comparative study of Public Sector, Private Sector and cooperative Dairying in India conducted by the United States International Society for Public Policy Analysis as reported in the Economic Times of 6th May, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the study and the conclusions derived therein and whether Government have studied the same in depth and their reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that cooperative dairying in India which is a major support for the farmers in the country is not allowed to suffer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Developing of seedlings of Oilpalm

683. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for oilpalm seedlings have increased recently and the only Institute viz. the Central Plantation Crop Research Institute (CPCRI) at Palode near Trivandrum developing the seedlings is not able to meet the growing demand;

(b) if so, the details of the demand and availability of the oilpalm seedlings at present; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to increase the capacity of indigenous development of oilpalm seedlings; and

(d) what is the quantum of seedlings imported during the year 1992-93 and from which countries and at what cost ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The domestic production of oil palm seedlings is at present limited to the Central Plantation Crop Research Institute (CPCRI) at Palode which has a capacity of producing about 4 lakh seeds per annum. The demand for oil palm seedlings during Eighth Plan period is estimated at 17 million and therefore the balance quantity is required to be imported.

(c) Three seed gardens, one each in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala have been sanctioned to meet the future demand for oil palm seeds.

(d) Around 2.6 million oil palm seedlings were imported during the year 92-93 from Costa Rica, Ivory Coast, Benin & Papua New Guinea at a price varying from US P 0.42 to 0.45 per seedling depending upon the size of the order.

Farmers' attack on ANC in Karnataka

684. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the farmers' attack on the multinational companies of Florida which are setting up a neem seed plant at Tumkur and Pioneer Hybrid Seeds Limited at Ranebennur in Dharwad district in Karnataka in support of their demand for banning the entry of MNCs in the seed sector and the Dunkel draft proposals ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) There is no report of attack by farmers on the multinational company for neem seed plant at Tumkur and Pioneer Hybrid Seeds Limited at Ranebennur in Dharwad district, Karnataka.

Production of Cocoa in the Country

685. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K.K. VEERAPPAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what had been the internal production of cocoa during the last three years, year-wise and demand of raw nuts ;

(b) what has been the peak and low market price of raw nuts during this period ;

(c) what steps have been taken to increase the production of cocoa in the country.

(d) whether there is any proposal to abolish the excise duty as in case of coffee and tea or at least reduce it in order to encourage cocoa cultivation in the country; and

(e) whether any memorandum has been received from cocoa cultivators in the past; if so, what were its contents and what action has since been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The rough estimates of production of cocoa during the last three years is given below:—

(Tonnes)

1990-91 . . .	6622
1991-92 . . .	7281
1992-93 . . .	6757